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SUBJECT.

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SURGEON & SANITARY COMMISSIONER WITH THE GOVT. OF MYSORE ★ OFFICE OF HEAD
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BANGALORE

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The Chief Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore.

Dated

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Received 27/4.

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General No.

No.

In reply to

SUBJECT.

Passing observations on the cost per head incurred by the Local Fund Dispensaries in the Bangalore Distt.

L.B. Nurse
26/4

Sir

Submitted for orders.
D.J

References (to be entered only in the Dewan's Office).

To the Same &c 1924-34
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Quite as much as the sympathetic attitude towards patients as on any other element, Govt agree with the Senior Surgeon that the final decision in matters of this kind rest with him and that he was justified in refusing to comply with what was practically a direction in matters within the scope of his authority which Govt alone are competent to issue. At the same time it is hardly necessary to add that the Senior Surgeon will give every consideration to suggestions and remarks emanating from the Presidents of the Local Fund Boards at whose expense L.F. dispensaries are maintained.

(427-92 To)

Order thereon. Subd D Counsellor 15/5/93. DP.

In the above correspondence Dr Nurse takes objection to the Dr Commr of Bangalore's assumption of a knowledge of medical matters which he cannot possess and to his ignoring the Senior Surgeon's position by communicating blame and censure on medical subordinates through the Senior Surgeon without leaving it to the latter officer's discretion as the responsible head of the medical dept to take such action as he chose on the Dr Commr's inspection notes of L.F. dispensaries. While it is quite possible that the Dr Commr possesses more knowledge of the cost of medicines and method of treatment than the Senior Surgeon gives him credit for and can certainly judge of the popularity of a Hospital asst by the numbers attracted at his disposal during his periodical tours which depends

SURGEON & SANITARY COMMISSIONER WITH THE GOVT. OF MYSORE * OFFICE OF BENGALORE
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To

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Mysore.

Sir,

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which persons were treated and even if he were to see the returns he would know nothing of the treatment adopted nor of the medicines used nor whether the medicines were unnecessarily expensive or otherwise.

3.- Possibly the Deputy Commissioner does not know what the different items are which go to make up the Cost referred to. I give them in the margin* and I think the Government will agree with me that the Cost per head is very moderate.

4.- The grade of the Hospital Assistant whether 1st 2nd or 3rd influences the Cost, and some Hospital Assistants prescribe more expensive drugs than others but as long as I have reason to believe from personal inspection or examination of their monthly returns stock books and indents that things are done bonafide and there is no extravagance or waste. I am loth to interfere with their liberty of action in this respect, as to do otherwise and pursue a system of false economy would be pretty certain to defeat the wishes of Government in establishing these Charitable institutions and diminish their usefulness.

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6.- The popularity as applied to these dispensaries should not be made synonymous with what he considers short attendance, as it will take time, more especially in the case of illiterate persons living at, perhaps, considerable distances before they all discard the domestic remedies which they have been accustomed to from time immemorial and resort freely to these institutions for English treatment.

7.- I think from the statement enclosed that Government will agree with me that these dispensaries are doing good work. Of course some Hospital Assistants are more efficient and more popular than others as in the case with all classes of officials but on the whole I think they are popular and possess the confidence of the people.

8.- The Deputy Commissioner in his docket above referred to practically directs me to Communicate his remarks to all the Hospital Assistants & in his report to Government para 31 states "I shall Communicate these remarks to all the Hospital Assistants". I

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decline to Communicate these remarks in the absence of an order of Government to do so as, (a) I am unable to agree with them for the reasons above stated,

(b) he arrogates for himself an authority over Medical Matters which he does not possess, and

(C) Endorsing such action would be liable to tend to indescipline and want of due recognition of authority as Constituted by Government in the Case of my subordinates.

9.- Finally I would add that I shall be only too pleased to give assistance to or receive it from this Office if he will only do business like all other Deputy Commissioners but when he attempts to set at naught my position as head of the Medical department I feel bound to place the matter before Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Brigade-Surgeon-Lt-Colonel
Senr. Surgeon & Sany. Comr. Mysore Gent

R. 2579

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

From

The Dy Commissioner
Bangalore District.

To

The Senior Surgeon
in Mysore

Dated 24th February 1893.

Statement dated 6th August 1892 furnished by the Senior Surgeon showing particulars of patients treated in each of the Local Fund Dispensaries of this district for the year 1891-92.

Adverting to the above has the honor to forward herewith for information and communication to all the Hospital Assistants, Extract from para 31 of the Municipal Annual Report for 91-92 submitted to Government

sdy M. Laing Meason
for Dy: Commissioner

Extract

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Sd/ Amir Shujaet Ali
Dy: Commissioner

"True Extract"

sd/ M. Laing Meason
for Dy: Commissioner

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Brigade-Surgeon-Lt.-Colonel
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Extract from Bangalore Dt.
Med administration report for 91-92

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No	Local Fund Dispensaries at	1888				1889				
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					Rs-as-P				Rs.as.P	
1	Hoskote	8890	64·38	974	"-1-9	7973	66·66	1031	"-2-"	84
2	Dodballapur	8637	57·31	751	"-1-5	8999	58·81	793	"-1-5	810
3	Nelamangala	2300	51·34	521	"-3-7	5275	42·87	940	"-2-10	415
4	Kankanhalli	4355	24·82	995	"-3-8	3963	20·45	689	"-2-9	356
5	Magady	5827	32·34	782	"-2-2	3401	35·34	723	"-3-5	576
6	Closepett	5702	51·91	1687	"-4-9	7105	60·82	1630	"-3-8	864
7	Anekal	4649	39·13	992	"-3-5	5043	36·54	1018	"-3-3	446
8	Davenhalli	3678	33·19	1369	"-5-11	4093	34·98	1012	"-3-11	410
9	Chennapatna	15758	43·17	946	"-1-"	13487	36·66	922	"-1-1	835
		59796	397·59	9017	"-2-5	59339	393-13	8758	"-2-4	5561

SURGEON & SANITARY COMMISSIONER WITH THE GOVT OF MYSORE
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Local Fund Dispensaries of the Bangalore Distt from 1888 to 1892 both inclusive

1892				1891				1892				
Patients treated	Daily average No. of patients treated	Amount of total cost of all charges including pay of Hospl. assts. per annum	Cost per head.	Number of patients treated	Daily average No. of patients treated	Amount of total cost of all charges including pay of Hospl. assts. per annum	Cost per head	Number of patients treated	Daily average No. of patients treated	Amount of total cost of all charges including pay of Hospl. assts. per annum	Cost per head	Remarks.
			Rs. as. P.				Rs. as. P.				Rs. as. P.	
9	67.08	997	" -1-11	7,899	61.01	1119	" -2-3	9,317	61.37	1096	" -1-11	
9	56.42	970	" -1-11	14,921	74.62	1097	" -1-2	13,600	68.49	1093	" -1-3	
1	31.70	1277	" -7-4	4083	31.89	1203	" -4-8	4,545	33.40	1405	" -4-11	
8	18.65	935	" -4-2	3901	22.38	923	" -3-9	4448	23.45	934	" -3-5	
8	29.40	922	" -2-7	4,677	26.85	828	" -2-10	4585	24.20	947	" -3-3	
7	55.52	1555	" -2-11	13,173	54.19	1186	" -1-5	10,840	54.23	749	" -1-1	
7	35.55	928	" -3-4	4,470	35.42	1011	" -3-7	5240	34.09	896	" -2-8	
2	36.26	1168	" -4-7	5378	47.61	1312	" -3-10	5315	49.21	988	" -2-11	
3	47.68	1073	" -2-1	7235	41.05	917	" -2-4	6063	33.21	1025	" -2-8	
4	378.26	9825	" -2-10	65737	395-02	9596	" -2-4	63953	381.65	9139	" -2-3	

Brigade-Surgeon-Lt-Colonel
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Read letter from Ht Senior surgeon dy 25/4/93 No 4668 -

Order thereon

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3. Dy Comrs can thus be restricted

9/20/22/5/93

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To read Mem observations on
subject to the Senior Surgeon
simply with a request that he will
take notice of them, The
Senior Surgeon will no doubt
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J.L.

Print. For Chief Secy

18/5/93

To. The Senior Surgeon
& Presidents of Municipal and L. F. Boards

1893.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

LOCAL BOARDS BRANCH—LOCAL FUNDS.

PROCEEDINGS.

Dated 20th May 1893.

No. 19624-34.
L. F. 427-92.

Laying down certain instructions as regards the Official relationship between the Senior Surgeon and the Deputy Commissioner as the President of the Local Fund Board.

Mysore Govt. C. Press, Bangalore.—8-6-93.—120.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, (Local Boards Branch—Local Funds),—dated 20th May 1893.

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To—The Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of Mysore.
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